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## RNB Technologies, Inc.

### Profile of a Small Business



**Mr. Ron Oxendine**

RNB Technologies, Inc., Founder

In July 2000, RNB Technologies, Inc. was founded by Ron Oxendine. RNB's corporate office, with its staff of eight employees, is located in Stafford, Virginia. The organization received its 8(a) certification on February 8, 2001 and is a Native American-owned, Veteran-owned, small disadvantaged business, with revenues exceeded \$1M in the first year. As an Engineering Services company specializing in engineering and analytical support to Air and Missile Defense and Command, Control, Communications, Computers and Intelligence (C4I) systems, RNB Technologies, Inc. recently received a Sole Source 8(a) contract with the BMDO Test, Support Directorate (BMDO/TES) to provide engineering, technical and analytical support.

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## HBCU/MI Issues

Good news for all HBCU/MI (Historically Black College and Universities and Minority Institutions) researchers. A new HBCU/MI web site, provided and maintained by the Defense Technical Information Center (DTIC), is now available, at: [www.dtic.mil/dtic/hbcuresources.html](http://www.dtic.mil/dtic/hbcuresources.html). Valuable information can now be posted on this web site making it readily accessible to all interested researchers. This web site provides a wealth of information to include listings of various institutions, HBCUs, MIs, Hispanic Service Institutions, Minority Program Office, Post Secondary Minority Institutions and Tribal Colleges and Universities, DoD R&D Programs, reference tools, other DoD Programs, just to name a few.

Certainly, this is a giant step forward in obtaining a one-stop information location for HBCU/MI Programs, issues; as well as, create a place to enable the exchange of information between the Department of Defense and all HBCU/MIs. The site would not only contain HBCU/MI research opportunities, but also provide information on HBCU/MI conferences, meetings, availability of DoD surplus properties, announcement of other grant opportunities such as SBIR, (Small Business Innovation Research), DURIP (Defense University Research Instrumentation Program), DEPSCoR

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## Recent New Contracts

On August 7, 2001, SCICOMM was awarded a contract, valued at \$6,983,051, to provide facilities, sitting and environmental program. This contract has a 12-month base period with 4 options and ends on August 6, 2006.

On August 24, 2001, Crawford Technical Services was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$712,192, to provide relocation to FOB2 for NMD-CABLG. This order had a 12-month base period ending on August 19, 2002.

On September 4, 2001, GTSI was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$19,950, to provide EDM Backup and Recovery. This order had a 1-month base period and ended on October 3, 2001.

On September 17, 2001, RNB Technologies, Inc. was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$95,047, to provide engineering and technical support. This order has a 2-month base period and ended on November 23, 2001.

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## Director's Message



**Stephen M. Moss**  
Director/SADBU

On October 17, 2001, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization held a BMDO Support Services Program (BSSP) Conference Update. A panel consisting of Mike Allison, Robert Ashley, Karla Jackson, Stephen Moss, and Brad Orton spoke to and answered numerous questions of the more than 160 individuals attending.

The main topics of discussion were:

- BSSP Results to Date
- BSSP Process Evaluation
- Changes that have been implemented and those in progress
- Solicitation Short List
- Award Term Incentive
- Price Adjustment
- Current Implementation Plan

The importance of submitting the 25 page (maximum) supplemental, requested by Mr. Ashley was emphasized. Mr. Allison stressed that BMDO technical personnel would routinely look at these supplements as well as the organization's web site when putting together the short list.

Also, discussed were the new rules for Price Adjustments. Mr. Orton explained that only one request for price adjustment can be made, and such adjustment can only cover year 4, years 4 and 5, or year 5. BMDO feels that pricing can be accurately predicted up to 3 years out, but may need adjustments due to outside influences for the final years.

Before the conclusion of the conference, questions were gathered from the participants. The answers to these questions will be researched and will be made available on the BMDO BARBB Web Site (<http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/barbb/setaserv.htm>).

BMDO's Small Business (SB) office requests that all parties interested in conducting business with BMDO to please continue to refer to the BMDO BARBB Web site (<http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/barbb/index.html>), for updates and latest information on category I, II, and III requirements, as well as monitor the date, month, and the year when contract(s) will expire.

BMDO's SADBU office is continually striving to provide quality assistance to those small businesses wishing to do business with BMDO. For further information, concerning the small business program at BMDO please contact the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (SADBU) at (703) 697-8017. ♦

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### **PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES**

Visit the BMDO Acquisition Reporting  
Bulletin Board (BARBB) on the Internet

**[http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/  
barbb/barbb.htm](http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/barbb/barbb.htm)**

## Note This

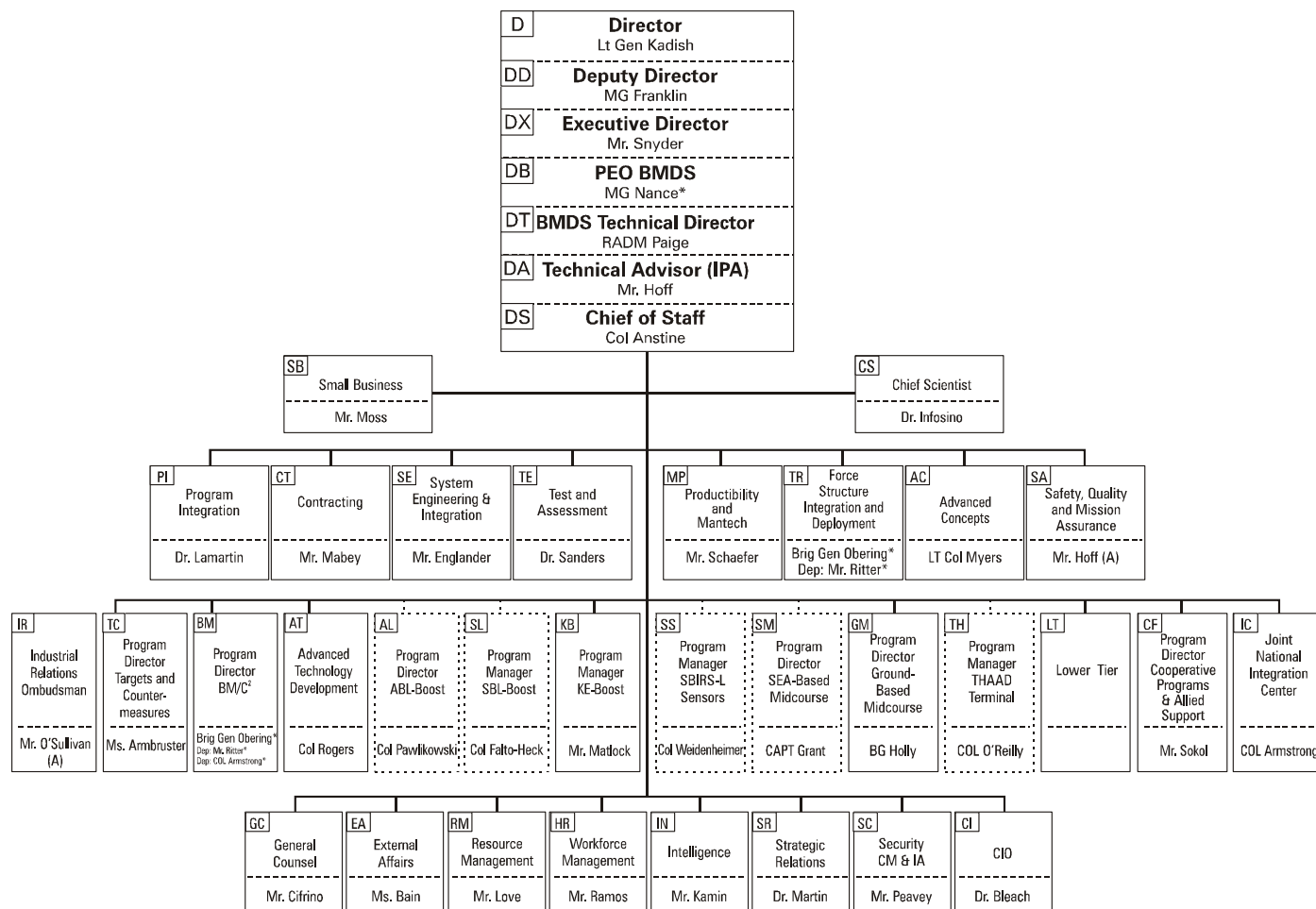
On November 1, 2001, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization released their new Organizational Chart (see below). With the reorganization complete, BMDO's Small and Disadvantaged Business Office has been chosen to perform the administrative duties of the SBIR / STTR Program. More information on this change will be forthcoming as the change-over is presently in progress.

The Organizational Chart can be found on the web at the following address: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/orgcht.html>.

If you have any questions regarding the reorganization, please feel free to contact the BMDO SADBUs Office, at (703) 697-8017.

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## **Fiscal Year (FY) 2002 BMDO SBIR Solicitation**

BMDO's FY 2002 SBIR Phase I Solicitation opened Monday, December 3, 2001. Instructions and topics are now available at: <http://www.dodsbir.net/current/bmdo021.htm>. The solicitation closes on Wednesday, January 16, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

BMDO intends for Phase I to be only an examination of the merit of the concept or technology that involves technical risk, with a cost under \$70,000. Although proposed cost will not affect selection for negotiation, contracting may be delayed if BMDO determines that award should be made for less than the proposed cost. Do not submit the same proposal, or variations thereof, to more than one BMDO topic area as proposals that are relevant to another topic will be passed on to reviewers in that topic area.

Proposers are required to register and submit their entire proposal through the DoD Electronic Submission Website (<http://www.dodsbir.net/submission>). As instructed on the website, the proposal should include a BMDO Proposal Cover Sheet, Cost Proposal, and Company Commercialization Report. Proposals shall be uploaded via the DoD Electronic Submission Website by the solicitation close date and time. Proposals sent by other means will not be accepted; hard copy submissions of Phase I proposals will no longer be accepted. Note, however, that a signed original of the Cover Sheet must be submitted by mail to the following address:

Proposals and signed Cover Sheets received after the closing date will not be processed.

## **Ballistic Missile Defense Organization**

**ATTN: SB/SBIR (Rucky)**

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**Washington, DC 20301-7100**

The BMDO SBIR Program Manager (Acting) is Frank Rucky. If you have any questions regarding the administration of the BMDO SBIR program, please call 1-800-WIN-BMDO. Additional information on the BMDO SBIR Program can be found on the BMDO SBIR home page at <http://www.winbmdo.com>.

## **DURIP**

During the FY 2002 the Department of Defense (DoD) has plans to award \$45 million to academic institutions to support

the purchase of research instrumentation. Approximately 99 academic institutions are expected to receive 242 awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$1,000,000, averaging \$186,000. All awards are subject to the successful completion of negotiations between DoD research offices and the academic institutions.

The awards are being made under the Defense University Research Instrumentation Program (DURIP). The DURIP supports the purchase of state-of-the-art equipment that augments current or develops new university capabilities to perform cutting-edge defense research. The DURIP meets a critical need enabling DoD-supported University researchers to purchase scientific equipment costing \$50,000 or more.

This announcement is the result of a merit competition for DURIP funding conducted by four research offices: the Army Research Office, Office of Naval Research, Air Force Office of Scientific Research, and the Advanced Technology Development Directorate of the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization.

Proposals were solicited from university investigators working in areas of importance to the DoD, such as information technology, remote sensing, propulsion, electronics and electro-optics, advanced materials, and ocean science and engineering.

Additional information may be found online at: [http://www.onr.navy.mil/sci\\_tech/industrial/durip.htm](http://www.onr.navy.mil/sci_tech/industrial/durip.htm).

## **DEPSCoR**

Department of Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) was created in response to Congressional requirements to stimulate competitive research in states that have not traditionally been recipients of a large amount of Federal research awards. DEPSCoR is designed to improve the capabilities of U.S. institutions of higher education in eligible states, to conduct research and to educate scientists and engineers in areas important to national defense.

Proposals to perform research in technical areas identified as being of interest to Office of Naval Research (ONR), or other areas important to national defense, will be considered. Potential proposers are advised to consult the Science and Technology section of ONR's home page and to contact ONR program managers to explore possible mutual interests before submitting proposals. In this way, DEPSCoR contributes to the states' goals of developing new research capabilities while simultaneously supporting DoD research goals.

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# ***SBA News***

## **SBA Encourages Eligible Small Businesses Across The Country To Seek Economic Impact Disaster Loans**

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Small Business Administration today (November 2, 2001) launched a public service announcement campaign to encourage small businesses that suffered economic injury from the terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon to apply for SBA disaster recovery loans.

The loan program, which began October 22, is unprecedented because it is available to small businesses across the country that have suffered substantial economic injury as a direct result of the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, or from subsequent actions taken by the federal government in response to those attacks.

Under the program, small businesses may apply for a loan of up to \$1.5 million if they have suffered substantial economic injury in the aftermath of last month's terrorist attacks. These working capital loans may be used to pay fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills that could have been paid had the disaster not occurred. The interest rate on these loans is 4 percent, with a maximum term of 30 years.

"I've heard from small business owners all over the country who have suffered losses. The President believes that the wider availability of these loans will provide the necessary capital small businesses need in a quick and efficient manner," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. "With the expansion of SBA's economic injury disaster loan program, small businesses across the country can receive help."

On the SBA Web site are press releases on this topic, and a fact sheet on the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, which includes a set of Frequently Asked Questions on this program. The fact sheet and the FAQ page offers guidance on eligibility questions. Also, radio stations wishing to download the 30-second PSA in an MP3 format can visit the SBA Web site at <http://www.sba.gov>, and click #2 on the streaming banner to open audio file. Select "Save as..." or file export to save to hard drive.

The 30-second PSA features Administrator Barreto making the following announcement: "I'm Hector Barreto, Administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration. The SBA has a program to help small businesses across the country recover from the economic impact of the September 11th attacks. The SBA is offering economic injury loans with an interest rate of 4 percent, up to 30 years. If your small business was directly

impacted by these events, or related federal actions, call the SBA at 1-800-U-ASK-SBA. Or visit the SBA Web site at [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov)."

## **Kansas City Attorney Chosen To Oversee Fairness In Regulatory Compliance**

WASHINGTON - Michael Barrera, an attorney from Kansas City and the former owner and manager of several small businesses, has been named by President Bush to lead the U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of the National Ombudsman.

"As National Ombudsman, Michael Barrera has a crucial job to perform in reducing the federal regulatory stranglehold upon small businesses," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto. "He will ensure that federal regulatory enforcement and compliance actions are fairly applied to save time and burdensome expense for small business owners."

Barrera's position as National Ombudsman was created by Congress in 1996 under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act (SBREFA). This legislation empowers the National Ombudsman to receive, investigate, and report complaints and comments from small business owners regarding federal regulatory enforcement and compliance actions.

The act also created 10 Regional Fairness Boards to provide small businesses with the opportunity to comment on enforcement activity by federal regulatory agencies.

"Through this provision, Congress and the President created a forum for small businesses to participate in the regulatory process by establishing a process for expressing their views and sharing their experiences about federal regulatory activity," said Barreto.

Barrera received his law degree from the University of Texas School of Law in 1989 and a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 1982. He is a member of the Missouri Bar Association, Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association and Hispanic Bar Association, and is a former member of the Texas Bar Association.

In private practice he co-founded two law firms in Kansas City focusing on general civil litigation, small business startups, workers' compensation, criminal defense, and personal injury. Barrera's legal experience includes service as an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Jackson County, Mo. In addition to

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## Small Business Profile — RNB

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In September 2001, RNB was awarded a 5-year, Sole Source 8(a) contract by the Marine Corps Systems Command to provide Single Integrated Air Picture (SIAP) Assessment Team analytical support. RNB received a task to support the Program Executive Office-Theater Surface Combatants on the Naval National Missile Defense study. RNB Technologies, Inc. currently is providing the following services to the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, Virginia

- Supporting for test event data analysis working groups (DAG),
- Participating in data collection and analysis during and after field deployments of the Theater Missile Defense Systems Integration Test Coordination Center (TSCC),
- Monitoring Joint Interoperability Test Command (JITC) certification activities related to the TMD Major Defense Acquisition Programs,
- Participating in development of and monitoring the execution and data analysis of Hardware-in-the-Loop Test (HWILT) and Joint Service Exercises, and
- Supporting the validation of the BMDO models and simulations using real-world data.

Ron Oxendine was born in Laurinburg, North Carolina and graduated from Pembroke State University in 1973. He is married and has one daughter. Mr. Oxendine served in the United States Marine Corps, as a Marine Air Command and Control Systems Officer. His duties and assignments included various air control assignments including Theater Ballistic Missile Defense Officer/Air Control Officer at Second Marine Aircraft Wing, Cherry Point, North Carolina and Commander, Space Defense Operations at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, Colorado.

In 1994, Mr. Oxendine began his defense-contracting career as a Senior Analyst with LOGICON supporting United States Message Text Format (USMTF) development for Marine Corps Systems Command in Quantico, Virginia. He later moved to Techmatics, Inc. to provide Theater Air and Missile Defense engineering, technical, and analytical expertise to the Program Executive Officer-Theater Air Defense in Crystal City, Virginia. In 1995, he became Techmatics' Senior Program Manager as a subcontractor on TRW's Battle Management Command Control Communications/Systems Engineering and Integration (BMC3/SEI) contract supporting the Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) in the Pentagon.

He worked as a theater air and missile defense systems engineer for 6 years supporting the BMDO Systems Engineer. Mr. Oxendine participated in numerous CINC's Exercises

providing Joint Tactical Information Distribution System (JTIDS)/Link-16 expertise. He participated in data collection activities, led the data link analysis efforts for BMDO, and wrote assessments regarding interoperability of the Missile Defense Family of Systems (FoS). ♦

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(Department of Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research), MURI (Multidisciplinary Research Program of the University Research Institute, STTR (Small Business Technology Transfer), and other Broad Agency Announcements.

Ms. Teresa Palmer of DTIC who led successfully the launching of the web site would like to receive your comments and feedback. Her email address is [TPalmer@DTIC.MIL](mailto:TPalmer@DTIC.MIL), and phone numbers are 703-767-8235 or 800-225-3842.

## BMDO Awards Cooperative Agreement to HBCU

Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO) awarded a cooperative agreement to Xavier University, New Orleans, LA. The objectives of this award are the following:

- (a) Research in image interpretation that will study the feasibility of applying threshold methods and using concepts from information theory;
- (b) Research in sensor fusion that will use artificial intelligence techniques and graphics to develop action plans from noisy, incomplete and possibly conflicting data, and
- (c) Research in decision support that will focus on feature matching and story building, and feasibility of applying intelligent agent technology to do these decision-making tasks.

The award is for one year with additional options based on BMDO's desire to continue the research and available funding.

A number of additional opportunities at DoD (Department of Defense) have been announced recently. For further details go to [www.sciencewise.com/alertservice](http://www.sciencewise.com/alertservice).

Please note: HBCU/MIs have been invited to participate in the Combating Terrorism Technology Support Office Technical Support Working Group Broad Agency Announcement (BAA), 02-Q-4655. There is an HBCU/MI Set Aside. Due date for proposals is 23 December, 2001. You may download this BAA from [www.bids.tswg.gov](http://www.bids.tswg.gov) on the Home Page under Download BAAs. ♦

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running two law firms, Mr. Barrera's small business experience includes management of two family-owned restaurants in the Kansas City area. As past chairman and president of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Greater Kansas City he helped increase membership by 600 percent and corporate funding by 400 percent.

### **SBA Offers New Contract Tool To HUBZone Certified Businesses**

WASHINGTON - Small businesses in economically distressed areas around the country can now use a no-cost, online search tool created by the U.S. Small Business Administration to identify federal contracting opportunities available to certified firms in the agency's HUBZone Empowerment Contracting Program.

The newest search tool supplies a direct link to the online Commerce Business Daily (CBD-Net), which posts procurement opportunities daily. It will also accommodate later this year a new single-point government-wide procurement postings Web site, FedBizOpps, which is expected to supplement CBD-Net starting October 1.

"By providing a direct link from the SBA's Web site to the Commerce Business Daily or FedBizOpps and the HUBZone

Gateway, we have provided yet another winning combination for small businesses. Using these tools, small business owners will have contract opportunities at their fingertips," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto.

"We will continue our efforts to streamline the process associated with the federal government's acquisition of goods and services from small businesses," added Barreto.

The newest search tool of the HUBZone program makes its debut just two months after HUBZone Gateway an online business tool and extension of the SBA's PRO-Net database.

The Gateway was designed to link contracting officers with HUBZone firms in the estimated \$200 billion-per-year federal contract marketplace. Now, nearly 4,000 small businesses certified HUBZone companies can use the database to market their capabilities to government agencies.

Both the new search tool and HUBZone Gateway can be accessed at [www.sba.gov/hubzone](http://www.sba.gov/hubzone).

Nationally, HUBZones are located in more than 7,000 urban census tracts, in 900 rural counties and on every federally recognized Native American reservation. ♦

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## **Recent New Contracts**

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On September 20, 2001, Abyl Consulting, Inc. was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$74,908, to provide incremental funding and SETA support. This order has a 12-month base period and ends on September 17, 2002.

On September 20, 2001, Vanguard Research, Inc. was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$98,000, to provide test and evaluation program support. This order had a 2-month base period and ended on November 15, 2001.

On September 26, 2001, Optimus Corporation was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$1,683,968, to provide SETA support. This order has a 13-month base period with 4 option years and will end on November 1, 2006.

On September 26, 2001, GTSI was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$19,950, to provide the Resource Pak for

Windows 2000. This order had a 1-month base period and ended on October 12, 2001.

On October 5, 2001, Systems Engineering, Inc. was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$95,003, to provide an AMAG 575 Intercommunications System and maintenance for the ACC. This order has a 12-month base period with 2 options and ends on September 28, 2004.

On October 22, 2001, SOZA & Company, Ltd. was awarded a delivery order, valued at \$633,307, to provide basic contract services/financial management. This order has a 6-month base period with 2 options and ends on April 11, 2003. ♦

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# Legislation/Regulation Update

## FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION REISSUE 2001 NOW AVAILABLE ON WEBSITE

The Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) has been reissued and is available via the Web at <http://www.arnet.gov/far>. The reissue includes FACs 97-1 through 97-27 and is the version to be used when updating the FAR with Federal Acquisition Circulars (FACs) issued in the future. Please note that neither the effective date, April 1984, nor the language in the FAR is impacted by this issuance. This reissue only changes the format of the FAR.

### FAR

Proposed Rule 2001-012, Payments under Fixed-Price Construction Contracts, is available for download at <http://www.arnet.gov/far/ProposedRules/2001-012.pdf>. Comments on this proposed rule are due on December 17, 2001.

FAC 2001-01 was published in the Federal Register on October 22, 2001. The FAC included the following items effective December 21, 2001, except items III and V that are effective immediately:

Item	Subject	FAR Case
I	Application of the Davis-Bacon Act to Construction Contracts with Options to Extend the Term of the Contract	1997-613
II	Acquisition of Commercial Items	2000-303
III	Prompt Payment Under Cost-Reimbursement Contracts for Services (Interim)	2000-308
IV	Veterans' Employment	1998-614
V	Veterans Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development Act of 1999 (Interim)	2000-302
VI	Very Small Business Pilot Program	2001-001

A copy of FAC 2001-01 can be obtained at <http://www.arnet.gov/far/facsframe.html>.

## DEFENSE FEDERAL ACQUISITION REGULATION (DFAR)

**September 11, 2001**

### Interim Rules:

- Utilization of Indian Organizations and Indian-Owned Economic Enterprises DFARS Case 2000-D024)  
This interim rule provides for incentive payments to DoD contractors, and subcontractors at any tier, which use Indian organizations and Indian-owned economic enterprises as subcontractors. The rule implements Section 8022 of the DoD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-259).

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/fedregs/2000d024i.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/2000d024i.doc>.

- DoD Pilot Mentor-Protege Program (DFARS Case 2001-D006)  
This interim rule adds women-owned small businesses to the types of concerns that may participate as protege firms in the DoD Pilot Mentor-Protégé Program. The rule also clarifies that business concerns owned and controlled by an Indian tribe or a Native Hawaiian Organization are eligible to participate as protege firms in the Program. The rule implements Section 807 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2001 (Public Law 106-398).

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/fedregs/2001d006i.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/2001d006i.doc>.

### Proposed Rules:

- Balance of Payments Program (DFARS Case 2000-D020)

This proposed rule adds policy on the Balance of Payments Program to replace Federal Acquisition Regulation policy on this subject that has been proposed for elimination. The Balance of Payments Program provides a preference for domestic supplies



and construction materials for use outside the United States. The notice requesting comments on this proposed rule also requests comments on the advisability of discontinuing application of the Balance of Payments Program to DoD construction contracts. The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/pubcmnts/2000d020p.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/2000d020p.doc>.

- Preference for Local 8(a) Contractors-Base Closure or Realignment (DFARS Case 2001-D007)

This proposed rule amends policy pertaining to preferences for local businesses in acquisitions that support a base closure or realignment. The rule clarifies that both competitive and noncompetitive acquisitions under the Section 8(a) Program are permitted if an 8(a) contractor is located in the vicinity of the base to be closed or realigned. This rule is consistent with a General Accounting Office decision dated February 21, 2001.

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/pubcmnts/2001d007p.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/2001d007p.doc>.

### **Final Rules:**

- Reporting Requirements Update (DFARS Case 2001-D004)

This final rule provides reporting requirements for Fiscal Year 2002 contracting actions. The rule contains reporting changes related to bundled contracts, indefinite-delivery contracts, information technology products, commercial items, and recovered materials.

This rule will become effective on October 1, 2001. Therefore, the changes in this rule will be incorporated into the DFARS on October 1, 2001.

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/fedregs/2001d004f.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/2001d004f.doc>.

### **October 1, 2001**

#### **Final Rules:**

- Cost or Pricing Data Threshold (DFARS Case 2000-D026)

This final rule reflects the increase in the FAR cost or pricing data threshold from \$500,000 to \$550,000. Since there are statutory requirements for review of the cost or pricing data threshold every 5 years, this rule replaces references to the \$500,000 threshold with the phrase “cost or pricing data threshold” to minimize the need for future DFARS changes.

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/fedregs/2000d026f.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/2000d026f.doc>.

- Memorandum of Understanding-Section 8(a) Program (DFARS Case 2001-D009)

This final rule reflects an extension in the expiration date of a memorandum of understanding between DoD and the Small Business Administration. The memorandum of understanding permits DoD to award contracts directly to 8(a) Program participants, instead of awarding the contracts through the Small Business Administration. The expiration date of the memorandum of understanding has been extended to December 31, 2001.

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/fedregs/2001d009f.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/2001d009f.doc>.

### **November 1, 2001**

#### **Proposed Rule:**

- Anticompetitive Teaming (DFARS Case 99-D028)

This rule proposes amendments to the DFARS to specify that certain exclusive teaming arrangements may evidence violations of the antitrust laws. As a result of public comments received on a proposed rule on this subject that was published on November 18, 1999, this second proposed rule clarifies that not all-exclusive teaming arrangements evidence violations of the antitrust laws.

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/fedregs/99d028p.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/99d028p.doc>.

## Final Rules:

- Acquisition of Commercial Items (DFARS Case 95-D712)

This rule finalizes the interim rule published as Item XXXV of Defense Acquisition Circular 91-9 on November 30, 1995. The interim rule added policy pertaining to the acquisition of commercial items. The final rule is substantially the same as the interim rule, but updates the lists of provisions and clauses to be included in solicitations and contracts for commercial items.

The Federal Register notice for this rule is available at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/fedregs/95d712f.txt>. A Microsoft Word format document showing all additions and deletions made by this rule is at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/dp/dars/lilo/95d712f.doc>. ♦

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DEPSCoR funds may be used to develop new research capabilities in support of DoD research goals. Proposals may contain requests for equipment necessary for the completion of the proposed research. Funds under DEPSCoR may not be used for buildings or facilities modification.

DEPSCoR proposals were due in by September 27, 2001. Once award information is available, please refer to the following web site to view successful applicants: [http://www.onr.navy.mil/sci\\_tech/industrial/depacor.htm](http://www.onr.navy.mil/sci_tech/industrial/depacor.htm).

## MURI

Multidisciplinary Research Program of the University Research Initiative (MURI) awards are made in research topics specified by the participating defense agencies each year that the program is in force. These topics change each year. The Department of Defense expects to make awards addressing nineteen specific research topics in areas of strategic importance to DoD, subject to the availability of appropriations. All awards are based on merit competition, and are typically for a period of three years (funded incrementally or as options) with a possible two-year addition as options to bring the total award to five-years. The funding level ranges, commensurate with the fields and breadth of research, from half a million to approximately a million dollars per year.

MURI proposals were due in by October 24, 2001. Once awards are available, please refer to the following web site to view successful applicants: [http://www.onr.navy.mil/sci\\_tech/industrial/muri.htm](http://www.onr.navy.mil/sci_tech/industrial/muri.htm). ♦

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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| <b>Jan 14, 2002</b>    | <b>Seventh Annual 4th Congressional District Procurement and Business Expo</b><br>Prince George's Community College<br>301 Largo Road<br>Upper Marlbro, MD<br>For more information call:<br>Ken Nealy (202) 225-8699 or<br>Craig Zucker (301) 588-7328 |
| <b>Jan 29, 2002</b>    | <b>Fort Belvoir Tech Expo</b><br>Fort Belvoir, Virginia<br>For more information go to:<br>Web site: <a href="http://www.ncsievents.com/sched/promo/fortbelvoir_promo.html">http://www.ncsievents.com/sched/promo/fortbelvoir_promo.html</a>            |
| <b>Feb 17-19, 2002</b> | <b>DoD Technical Assistance Conference</b><br>San Antonio, Texas<br>For more information go to:<br>Web site: <a href="http://www.uncfsp.org/idap">http://www.uncfsp.org/idap</a>                                                                       |
| <b>Mar 11-14, 2002</b> | <b>National SBIR Spring Conference</b><br>Anaheim, California<br>For more information go to:<br>Web site: <a href="http://www.zyn.com/sbir/">http://www.zyn.com/sbir/</a>                                                                              |



# Internet News

## Web Site Highlight

The United States Congress has made available to the public, the transcripts or videos from previously held Small Business Committee Hearings. To view the hearings from the Senate's Small Business Committee, you will need to go to: <http://www.senate.gov/~sbc/hearings/interhear.html> (NOTE: You will need, at a minimum, the free version of Real Player to view these hearings). To view the transcripts from the House Small Business Committee, go to: <http://www.house.gov/smbiz/hearings/index.html>.

## Other Useful Web Sites:

- SCORE — the Service Corps of Retired Executives — is a nonprofit organization, which provides small business counseling and training under a grant from the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). To access this site go to [www.score.org](http://www.score.org)
- The SBA site with the State Tax Homepages: <http://www.sba.gov/hotlist/statetaxhomepages.html>
- The BMDO home page: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/>
- The BMDO Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization home page: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/sadbu.html>
- The BMDO SBIR/STTR Program home page: <http://www.winbmdo.com/>
- The BMDO Acquisition Reporting Bulletin Board: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/barbb/barbb.htm>
- The BMDO Chief Information Officer's home page: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/ciomod/>
- The BMDO Technical Information Center: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/tic.html>
- The BMDO Office of Technology Applications: <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/transfer.html>

## Small Business Database Update

The BMDO Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization (SADBU) Office maintains a database, which is regularly used as a source to match an organization's capabilities with the technical requirements of BMDO. The SADBU Office requests that all small businesses presently entered in the database notify them about any organizational changes, so that BMDO will continue to maintain an accurate profile of each organization's capabilities. This will also ensure the timely delivery of the quarterly notification of issuance of *The SADBU Update*, our newsletter. If your business needs to update ANY information, please go to the BMDO SADBU Internet home page at <http://www.acq.osd.mil/bmdo/bmdolink/html/sadbu.html> to download a blank database form.

For companies not currently listed in our database, we ask that you contact the SADBU Office and request a small business packet containing useful information about doing business with BMDO and the latest contracting opportunities. This packet can be obtained by contacting Stephen Moss, Director of the SADBU Office, at [stephen.moss@bmdo.osd.mil](mailto:stephen.moss@bmdo.osd.mil) or Twanda McNair at [twanda.mcnair@bmdo.osd.mil](mailto:twanda.mcnair@bmdo.osd.mil). Once your organization has reviewed the material, please submit a completed database form along with you capabilities packet. ♦



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